

**HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE RON CRASCALL
PAVILION ON TUESDAY 17th APRIL 2007 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present: Cllrs C Faiers (Chairman), W Greene, C Hart, W Robertson, M Lewis,
J Bowden, Mrs J Devenish, J Prigg, J Bevan, D Frost & Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk).
C.Cllr J Clover & D.Cllr J Davie-Thornhill

5 Villagers

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs J Thomson & N Weaver (possible late arrival)

In opening the meeting the Chairman expressed his appreciation to all councillors for their support during his years as Chairman and made particular reference to those councillors who would not be standing for re-election. The number of Councillors for Haughley had been reduced from 15 to 11 for the forthcoming elections in May.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - None

MINUTES OF MEETING 20.03.07

It was proposed by Cllr Greene and seconded by Cllr Robertson that the minutes were a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. All in favour (those who were present at the March meeting)

TO DEAL WITH ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED – SECTION 100B(4) OF THE LGA 1972:

Notice Boards in the Village – The Chairman pointed out that the Notice Boards around the village were not in a good state of repair and in particular the one outside the Co-op should possibly be replaced. Cllr Prigg asked that the replacement should have a larger space available for all the notices. The meeting agreed to consider this at the June meeting and for suitable quotes to be provided by the Clerk.

The meeting recessed for the following:-

REPORTS

County Councillor Clover : Updated on situation in respect of the school review – 2 / 3 tier system. On the question of the Unitary Body, SCC has been trying to work in partnership with all other councils as regards combining services and Ipswich's application has not gone down very well. It will cost more money and generate more departments - SCC is very much against this. Snoasis has been put on hold until May. Spoke of the consultation by SCC Highways in respect of HGVs. The picnic site is definitely closed for the foreseeable future.

District Councillor Davey-Thornhill : The new A14 trunk road has been given approval and although the Parish's wishes were clearly noted it appears that for various reasons they will be submerged within the overall scheme. In particular, the argument about increased traffic within Haughley was deemed to be unlikely based on traffic flows produced by the Highways Authority. There was also comment made on the likely noise generated by the new road - in particular the concrete section about half a mile from the village. This too appeared to meet with little sympathy from the Inspector who took the findings of a noise assessment carried in accordance with guidelines, that claimed no perceptible change to noise levels in Haughley to those current currently experienced.

MSDC has put a bid in to EEDA to add to the £100k that has already been earmarked in its budget for the regeneration of Stowmarket which should see a gradual and structural improvement to the facilities and appearance of the town over the next few years.

MSDC is also continuing to lobby central government for reimbursement in respect of the Snoasis inquiry costs which was held at their insistence but for which they do not seem prepared to pay towards.

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Community Open Day being held by MSDC is on the 7th July. This is an opportunity for people in the area to visit the offices and see more of what the Council does while enjoying many of the activities on offer while there.

D.Cllr Davie-Thornhill concluded by saying he was not seeking re-election as a District Councillor but had enjoyed his time working with Haughley Parish Council and dealing with various issues. The Chairman extended a vote of appreciation on behalf of all councillors present.

The meeting reconvened.

Allotment W.Party: Fencing work not yet completed – Vice Chairman agreed to chase up contractors. It was pointed out that there were 2 small plots and 2 x 1 acre plots available to rent and councillors agreed an advertisement should be placed in the parish newsletter.

Footpaths: New signs were being installed by SCC. There was still the fallen tree obstructing a footpath on Mr Stiff’s land. Clerk to chase SCC

Village Green; Documentation in respect of The Folly had now been received and required the signatures of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk. All other parties involved had now signed and returned their documents.

The oak posts had been delivered to the Handyman and were ready to be installed by the Working Party in additional identified areas of the village.

Employment Panel: Nothing to report

Traffic Calming: Work on the A14 had now been redefined as “safety improvements” rather than a new build project. Discussion took place as to whether the Council should take the matter further in respect of the noise generated and the lack of bunding. Cllr Bowden proposed there should be more bunding provided, seconded by Cllr Green. 2 in favour, 6 against, 1 abstention.

Cllr Prigg presented his apologies and left the meeting at 8.20 p.m.

The meeting agreed that confirmation correspondence dated 5th April from the Highways Agency (Ms A Smyth) regarding the proposed safety scheme to be carried out would be held by the Chairman and villagers could inspect the papers at a mutually agreed time. Newsletter item.

Cllr Weaver presented his apologies for late arrival (8.30 pm)

Letter from Mr A Wilson of Bacton was circulated and councillors noted that Cllr Green had attended the Bacton PC meeting as a private individual and had not acted as a representative of Haughley Parish Council. Clerk to write to Bacton PC and Mr Wilson advising accordingly.

Village Hall: Nothing to report.

Cllr Prigg returned to the meeting at 8.39 pm

PLANNING

Item 1

Application No.	0719/07
Proposal:	Single storey front garage extension and one and a half storey side ext. forming additional accommodation together with associated alteration works
Site Location	The Lodge, The Folly.
Comment	Support

Item 2

Application No.	0735/07
Proposal:	Demolition of existing outbuilding and storage shed all as shown on plans submitted

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Site Location: The Lodge, The Folly.
Comment Refuse

The following application was granted by MSDC:-

0236/07 New Bells Farm, New Bells Lane. Retrospective change of use from agricultural to B1 (light industrial) .

The meeting recessed for the following:

PUBLIC FORUM

General discussion on A14 and the 50mph limit not being observed.
 Lighting – No.43 – still not working..

The meeting reconvened and the Chairman confirmed that Light No. 43 had been reported a number of times but there was apparently an ongoing fault. SCC were looking into the matter but it may need to be replaced.

FINANCE

417 **Monthly Accounts:** It was proposed by Cllr Robertson, seconded by Cllr Green that the accounts for April be approved. All in favour.

<u>Chq</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
101823	Cleaning Service	£ 158.00
101824	Handyman	£ 224.50
101825	Street Cleaner	£ 306.74
101826	Mrs M Bottomley (Travel & Office)	£ 154.57
101827	Command Pest Control (Moles)	£ 282.00
101828	S.ACRE (insurance)	£1,001.00
101829	Hope Education (pre-school grant)	£ 387.64
101830	SALC (subs)	£ 462.50
101831	Clarks of Walsham (V.Green posts)	£ 720.32
101832	Suffolk Preservation Society (sub)	£ 20.00
101832	Post Office (IRS tax)	£ 92.51
101832	Lubbok Fine (audit fee)	£ 411.25

S/Os & D/Drs.

Clerk	Salary	£413.70
AWA		£ 22.31
Anglia Burglar Alarm		£105.75

Income:	Tracker account interest	£660.38
	Parish Councils (subs)	£ 80.00
	Allotments (rent)	£375.50
	Admin – copies of minutes	£ 6.10

Bank balances: Tracker Account £80,351.21
 Current Account £8,022.93

418 **Annual Return:** Closure notice of audit for 2003/2004 – comments summarised by Chairman and noted. Assets Register to have location of items, and Risk Assessment to be updated.

EMERGENCY PLANNING - Cllr Green and Cllr Hart attended the SALC meeting. Information pack handed out which covered most requirements. Further discussion on this item to be on the June agenda.

AREA AROUND MOAT – Work is now underway..

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VILLAGE PUMP - Pump has still not been refurbished and councillors agreed that if the work was not at least started by the next meeting the Council would seek an alternative contractor. Agenda item next meeting.

BY LAW ON DRINKING - remain on the Agenda

CORRESPONDENCE

- 419 SCC - Unitary Council – Ipswich. As individuals/villagers councillors could make their comments by 22nd June 2007.
- 420 MSDC – Legal Services. Tree preservation Order 366. Fir Tree Lane, Haughley Green.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 15th May 2007

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.12 p.m.

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